

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claims 1 to 14, 16 to 21, and 23-26 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration of the present application in view of this response is respectfully requested.

II. ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-14, 16-21 and 23-26 are allowed.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIM 22

Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over JP 09325165 in view of JP 03122544. Claim 22 has been canceled, without prejudice. Thus, the rejection of claim 22 should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

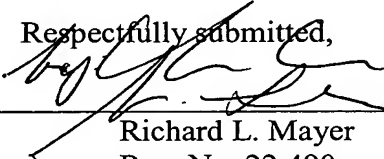
It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is, therefore, requested.

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